

Remarks

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 52-57 and 60-65 will be pending. Previously pending claims 58 and 59 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications to pursue said canceled subject matter. Claims 52-57 and 60-65 have been amended as discussed below, thus Applicants respectfully request consideration of said amended claims.

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 52-65 have been rejected because of an alleged failure to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the claims allegedly contain new matter. Applicants respectfully disagree, nevertheless the claims have been amended as suggested by the Patent Office. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the present rejection.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 53-54 and 58-59 have been rejected because of an alleged failure to comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully disagree, nevertheless claims 58 and 59 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer or in acquiescence of the rejections herein, thereby rendering the present rejection moot with respect to those claims. Applicants further submit that claims 53 and 54 are proper in the recitation of a cysteine at position 239, therefore Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection with respect to these claims.

**Conclusion**

Applicants believe that the present claims meet all of the requirements for patentability. Entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks are respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the undersigned invites the Patent Office to phone her at the number provided below. If any additional fees, beyond those directed for payment are necessary, please charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 500479.

Respectfully submitted,

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